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1. BEIRUT GENERALLY QUIET THIS MORNING, AFTER ANOTHER--BUT SOMEWHAT LESS INTENSIVE--NIGHT OF SHOOTING (SMALL ARMS AND ROCKETS) IN ANN RUMANNEH, CHIAH AND QARANTINA DISTRICTS. LEBANESE SECURITY AUTHORITIES REPORT SITUATION THIS MORNING AS "VERY GOOD" IN COMPARISION WITH PREVIOUS DAYS, ALTHOUGH RANDOM SNIPING REMAINS DANGER IN CERTAIN AREAS AND VARIOUS

WARRING FACTIONS ARE EXCHANGING LURID ACCUSATIONS (SOME APPARENTLY TRUE) OF KIDNAPPINGS AND TORTURE STILL BENNG PERPETRATED BY THEIR ANTAGONISTS. LEBANESE ARMY UNITS REMAIN ON COUNTRY-WIDE FULL ALERT, AND POLICE PATROLS CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH SNIPERS. JOINT POLICE-PLO PATROLS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN AREAS SEPARATING PHALANGIST AND FEDAYEEN COMBATANTS, AND WE UNDERSTAND THEIR EFFORTS AT IMPOSING RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES ARE SHOWING INCREASING SUCCESS. (WOULD SEEM THAT PLO LEADERSHIP, FOR

ITS PART, IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT "COOL-IT" ADVICE GIVEN TO 'ARAFAT BY SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM LAST WEEKEND.) ARMY SOURCES PUT TOTAL CASUALTIES INCURRED IN INCIDENTS YESTERDAY AS SEVEN KILLED AND TWENTY-TWO WOUNDED.

2. MORNING MAY 30 SAW NOTICEABLY GREATER TRAFFIC AND SHOPPING ACTIVITY IN QUIETER SECTITNS OF BEIRUT. LOCAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS STILL UNSCATHED AND--ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE OF PSYCHO-LOGICAL STRAIN--IS DISPLAYING REMARKABLY GOOD SPIRIT. WE HAVE LOOSENED MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDING TO ALL AMCITS TO ALLOW THEM TRAVEL ALONG COASTAL ROAD NORTH AND SOUTH OF CITY AS FAR AS BYBLOS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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DAMOUR RIVER, AND TO EXTEND HOURS OF CIRCULATION IN SAFER PARTS OF BEIRUT UNTIL 2300 HOURS LOCAL.

3. DESP TE THESE WELCOME SIGNS THAT SECURITY SITUATION CONTINUES GRADUALLY TO IMPROVE, WE ARE STILL GETTING REPORTS THAT CITIZENRY IN MORE AFFLICTED PARTS OF BEIRUT IS "PETRIFIED." ONE FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS ATMOSPHERE, ASIDE FROM NIGHTLY OUTBREAKS OF GUNFIRE NOTED ABOVE, IS

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DELAY IN FORMATION OF NEW CABINET. PREMIER-DESIGNATE
KARAMEPN AS REPORTED PARA 5 REFTEL, CONTINUES TO RUN INTO
STRONG OPPOSITION BY KAMAL JUMBLATT AND HIS LEFTIST SUP-
PORTERS TO INCLUSION OF PHALANGIST REPS IN CABINET.
(LEFTIST EFFORT TO EXCLUDE PHALANGEPN IT SHOULD BE NOTED,
IS CONTRARY TO WHAT WE ARE TOLD WAS "UNDERSTANDING"
REACHED BETWEN KHADDAM, FRANGIE AND KARAME SEVERAL
DAYS AGO.) AT SAME TIME, LOCAL RUMOR-MILLI IS CRANKING
OUT NAMES OF DOZENS OF OTHER MINISTERIAL POSSIBILITIES
(MANY OF THEM DOUBTLESS EMANATING FROM HOPEFUL CANDI-
DATES THEMSELVES), AND CABINET-FORMING PROCESS IS THUS
BEING FURTHER DELAYED BY CUSTOMARY POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING
AND HORSE-TRADING. KARAME INSISTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS
NOT RPT NOT DISCOURAGED BY ALL THIS CONFUSION AND THAT HE
WILL EVENTUALLY SUCCEED IN PUTTING TOGETHER CABINET ACCEPTABLE
TO ALL CONCERNED. IN MEANTIME, BOTH HE AND GOL AUTHORITIES
ARE OBVIOUSLY HOPING THAT TENSIONS WILLCONTINUE TO EASE DES-
PITE DELAY IN INSTALLING NEW GOVT. WE HOPE SO TOO.
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